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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP  
TO EXPLORE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS FOR  
INSURANCE NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has adopted the model Uniform Electronic  
2 Transactions Act (UETA); and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii's UETA excludes insurance documents and  
5 notices from its purview; and  
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7 WHEREAS, insurance notifications and documents are required  
8 to be in writing; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the insurance industry, like other industries, is  
11 increasingly engaging in more on-line and Internet-based sales  
12 and notifications; and  
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14 WHEREAS, consumers are desirous of obtaining notices and  
15 documents by electronic means; and  
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17 WHEREAS, there are certain questions as to the appropriate  
18 use and application of electronic notices and documents; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the marketplace is in the process of change and  
21 the State is interested in providing consumer convenience,  
22 balanced with consumer protection; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2013, that the Insurance Commissioner is requested to  
27 convene a working group to explore the use of electronic notices  
28 and documents for insurance notices and documents; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
31 to be composed of:  
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33 (1) The Insurance Commissioner;  
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- 1 (2) A representative of State Farm Insurance;  
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3 (3) A representative of the Property Casualty Insurers  
4 Association of America;  
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6 (4) A representative of the Hawaii Insurers Council; and  
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8 (5) A representative of the Commission to Promote Uniform  
9 Legislation; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
12 to develop alternatives to provide consumers with the  
13 convenience of electronic notifications and documents while  
14 preserving consumer protections; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group members not  
17 be considered "employees" for the purposes of chapter 84, Hawaii  
18 Revised Statutes, based solely upon their participation in the  
19 working group; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
22 to submit a final report of the working group's findings and  
23 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
24 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
25 the Regular Session of 2014; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance Commissioner; the  
29 Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of State Farm Insurance;  
30 the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Property  
31 Casualty Insurers Association of America; the Executive Director  
32 of the Hawaii Insurers Council; and the Executive Secretary of  
33 the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.  
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OFFERED BY:



